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Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

In the matter of:
Amendment of Part 97 of the
Commission's Rules Governing
Amateur Radio Services
Regarding Repeater and
Auxiliary Operation in the
1.25 Meter Band

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PR 92-289
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To: The Commission

PETITION AGAINST RULE MAKING

I, Richard E. Fearn, K6VE, hereby submit my request to the Federal Communications Commission to NOT take action on this petition for Rule Making, as submitted by the American Radio Relay League.

I can offer no better reason or argument to the Commission than to relate a brief story, which occurred to me yesterday. I affirm that it is true.

I had occasion to visit a local Ham Radio store yesterday, to simply pass some time, and view the latest equipment and periodicals. I'm well known in the ham community, as a respected amateur radio operator, and as the President of one of the most respected Amateur Radio Clubs in Southern California. One of the persons behind the counter (I'd prefer not to say whom, but I am willing to document the details if you request) who recognized me, asked me how "our" repeater and Club were doing. I replied that the repeater was working very well, and that the Club was healthy, and was doing fine as well. Almost tearfully, he told me that "his" Club and repeater wasn't nearly as well off, because it was jeopardized by the recent ARRL petition for rule making that would reserve 150 KHz of the 220 MHz band for low power use. We both agreed that such spectrum wasn't needed in our area, and that we knew of no need for any additional spectrum beyond what our area frequency coordinator (The 220 MHz Spectrum Coordinator)

ARRL ever represent us?" It seemed to us that the ARRL has not only betrayed us, but even ignored their own guidelines in this matter. The rest of the conversation is not relevant to this petition, although it might be of interest to the League. Suffice it to say that before the conversation ended, a few more hams joined in the conversation. Some of them have already submitted their own petitions. I think now, that you can see the position that I'm taking, and why I'm taking it. The counterman asked me if I had submitted my petition to the Commission. I shamefully replied that I hadn't, mostly because my own Club hadn't been affected. I told him that I was sorry I hadn't done so, and that I would do so immediately upon my return home.....not because I didn't originally want to, but because I was lazy.

For reasons that have been written above, and because it is plainly contrary to best interests of Amateur Radio and more importantly, Amateur Radio Operators, I respectfully request the Commission to deny the proposed allocation of 222.000 to 222.150